

# LABOUR MARKET, MARCH 2017

## Summary

During March, total employment:

- rose 0.1% in South Australia in trend terms (nationally, total employment also rose 0.1%); and
- fell 0.2% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.5%).

During March, the unemployment rate:

- was 6.7% in South Australia in trend terms (5.9% nationally); and
- was 7.0% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (5.9% nationally).

## Further Analysis

### Employment

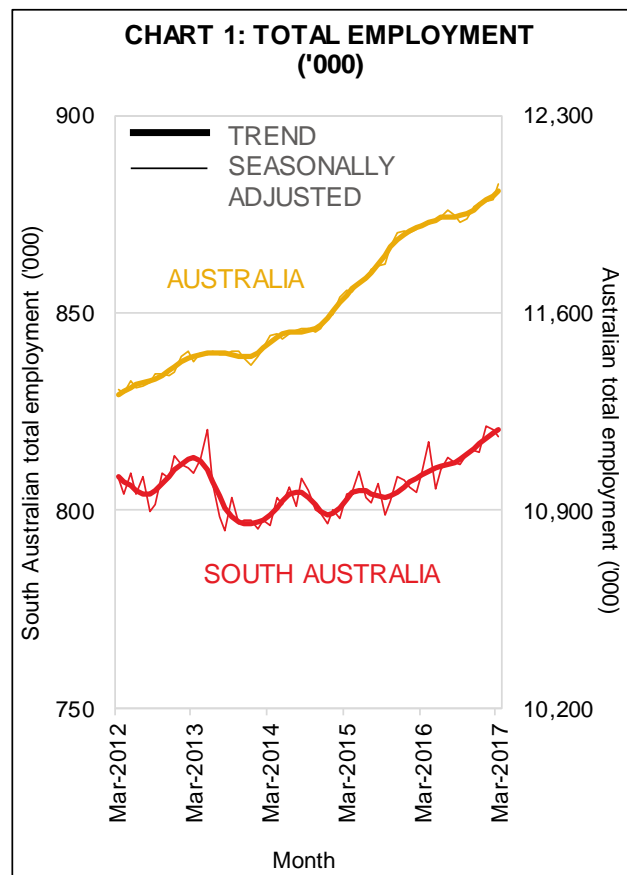
In trend terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 900 (0.1%), and rose by 16,500 (0.1%) nationally, in March—see Chart 1.

- In South Australia, full-time employment fell by 100 persons and part-time employment rose by 1,000 (0.3%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 15,600 persons (0.2%) and part-time employment rose by 900 persons.

Annual trend employment growth was 1.4% for South Australia and 1.0% nationally.

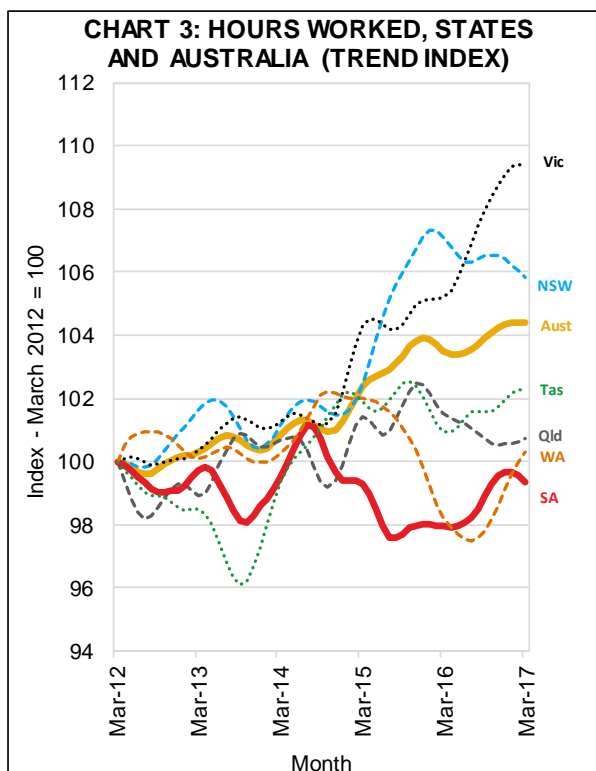
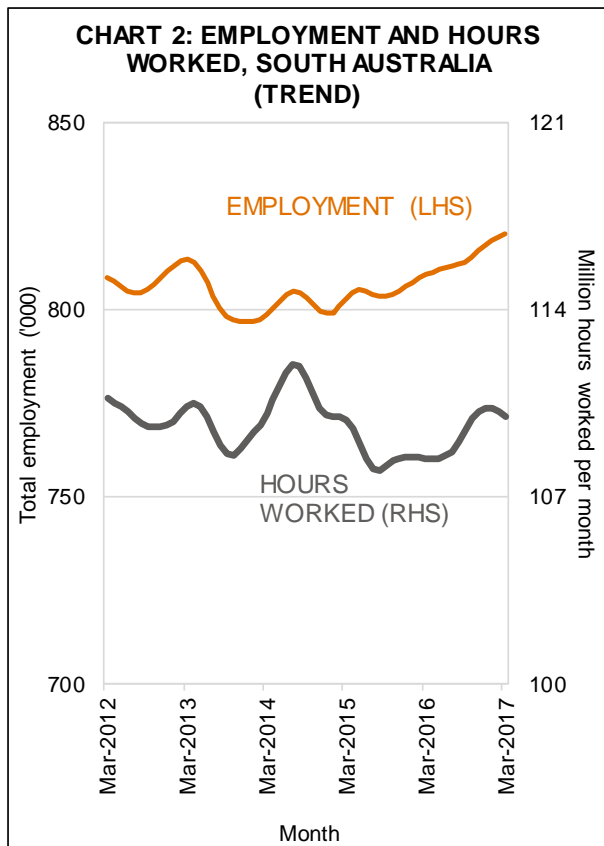
In seasonally adjusted terms, total employment in South Australia fell by 2,000 people (0.2%) in March, following a fall of 0.1% in February. Employment rose by 60,900 (0.5%) nationally.

- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 4,600 (0.9%) while part-time employment fell by 6,600 (2.2%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 74,500 people (0.9%) and part-time employment fell by 13,600 (0.4%).



### Hours worked

In trend terms, monthly hours worked in all jobs fell by 0.2% in South Australia in March but was 1.4% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 2. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs increased by 0.8% through the year to March.

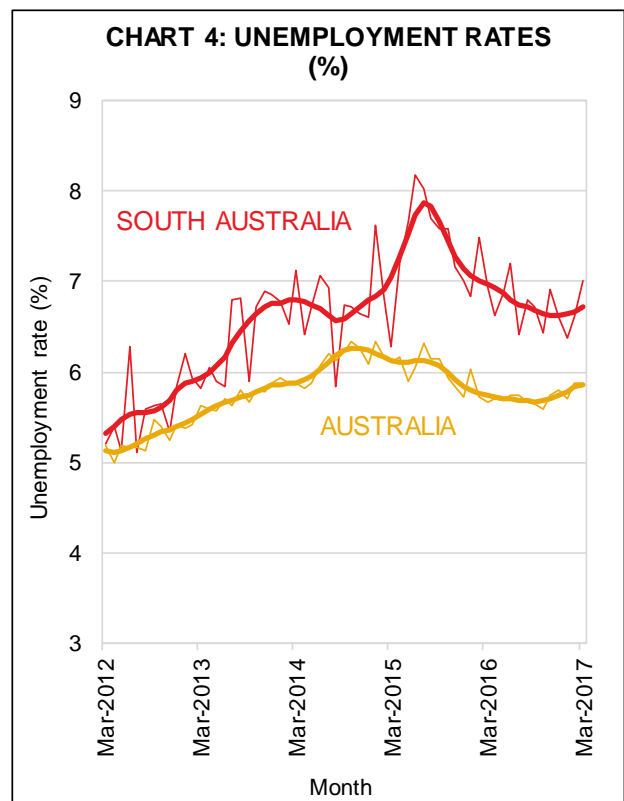


## Unemployment

In **trend** terms, the unemployment rate in South Australia was unchanged at 6.7% in March. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose from 5.8% in February to 5.9% in March—see Table 1 and Chart 4.

**Table 1: Unemployment Rates —Trend**

	Mar 16 (%)	Feb 17 (%)	Mar 17 (%)
NSW	5.2	5.1	5.2
VIC	5.8	6.0	6.1
QLD	6.2	6.4	6.4
<b>SA</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>6.7</b>
WA	5.8	6.4	6.4
TAS	6.6	5.9	5.8
<b>AUST</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>5.9</b>

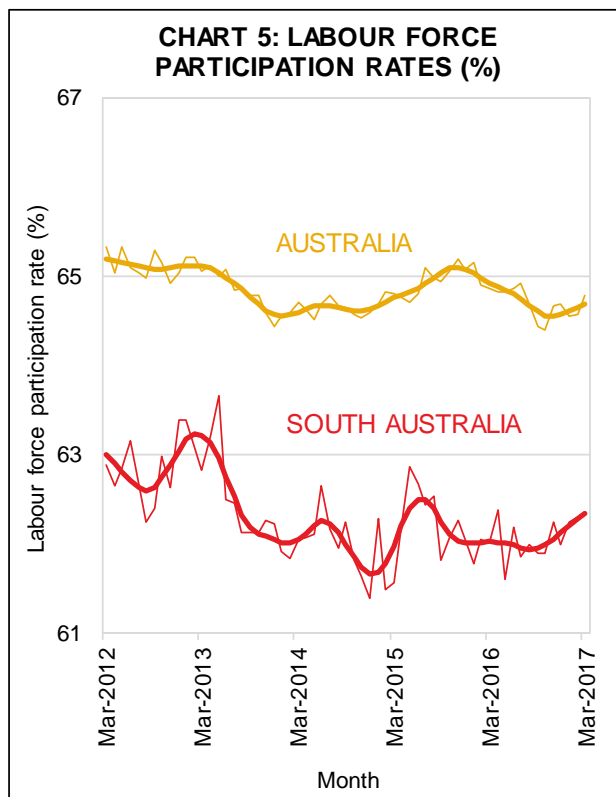


In **seasonally adjusted** terms, South Australia's unemployment rate rose from 6.6% in February to 7.0% in March. Australia's unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.9% in March.



## Participation

In **trend** terms, the participation rate in South Australia was unchanged at 62.3%. Nationally, the participation rate was 64.7%, up from 64.6% in February—see Chart 5.



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the South Australian participation rate rose 0.1 of a percentage point to 62.4% in March. Nationally, the participation rate rose by 0.2 of a percentage point to 64.8%.

13 April 2017

Next release of ABS Cat No 6202.0 is 18 May 2017



**Table A1: Labour Force Aggregates - Trend**

<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>		<b>Mar-16</b>	<b>Feb-17</b>	<b>Mar-17</b>	<b>Change (%)</b>	
					<b>In month</b>	<b>Thru year</b>
<b>Full-time employment</b>	('000)	525.2	527.9	527.8	0.0%	0.5%
<b>Part-time employment</b>	('000)	284.0	291.5	292.5	0.3%	3.0%
<b>Total employment</b>	('000)	809.2	819.5	820.3	0.1%	1.4%
<b>Unemployment</b>	('000)	60.6	58.6	59.1	0.9%	-2.5%
<b>Unemployment rate</b>	%	7.0	6.7	6.7	0.1pp	-0.2pp
<b>Participation rate</b>	%	62.0	62.3	62.3	0.1pp	0.3pp
<b>Total hours worked</b>	millions	108.4	110.2	110.0	-0.2%	1.4%
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>						
		<b>Mar-16</b>	<b>Feb-17</b>	<b>Mar-17</b>	<b>Change (%)</b>	
					<b>In month</b>	<b>Thru year</b>
<b>Full-time employment</b>	('000)	8,173.0	8,182.6	8,198.2	0.2%	0.3%
<b>Part-time employment</b>	('000)	3,738.0	3,834.3	3,835.2	0.0%	2.6%
<b>Total employment</b>	('000)	11,910.9	12,016.9	12,033.4	0.1%	1.0%
<b>Unemployment</b>	('000)	725.1	743.7	749.5	0.8%	3.4%
<b>Unemployment rate</b>	%	5.7	5.8	5.9	0.0pp	0.1pp
<b>Participation rate</b>	%	64.9	64.6	64.7	0.0pp	-0.2pp
<b>Total hours worked</b>	millions	1,654.7	1,668.9	1,668.5	0.0%	0.8%

*pp represents percentage points; totals may not reconcile due to rounding*

**Table A2: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted**

<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>		<b>Mar-16</b>	<b>Feb-17</b>	<b>Mar-17</b>	<b>Change (%)</b>	
					<b>In month</b>	<b>Thru year</b>
<b>Full-time employment</b>	('000)	528.2	523.0	527.6	0.9%	-0.1%
<b>Part-time employment</b>	('000)	281.3	297.6	291.0	-2.2%	3.4%
<b>Total employment</b>	('000)	809.5	820.5	818.6	-0.2%	1.1%
<b>Unemployment</b>	('000)	60.4	58.0	61.7	6.5%	2.3%
<b>Unemployment rate</b>	%	6.9	6.6	7.0	0.4pp	0.1pp
<b>Participation rate</b>	%	62.0	62.3	62.4	0.1pp	0.4pp
<b>Total hours worked</b>	millions	108.3	108.2	109.4	1.1%	1.0%
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>						
		<b>Mar-16</b>	<b>Feb-17</b>	<b>Mar-17</b>	<b>Change (%)</b>	
					<b>In month</b>	<b>Thru year</b>
<b>Full-time employment</b>	('000)	8,170.8	8,164.1	8,238.6	0.9%	0.8%
<b>Part-time employment</b>	('000)	3,742.8	3,834.5	3,821.0	-0.4%	2.1%
<b>Total employment</b>	('000)	11,913.6	11,998.6	12,059.6	0.5%	1.2%
<b>Unemployment</b>	('000)	716.3	749.1	753.1	0.5%	5.1%
<b>Unemployment rate</b>	%	5.7	5.9	5.9	0.0pp	0.2pp
<b>Participation rate</b>	%	64.9	64.6	64.8	0.2pp	-0.1pp
<b>Total hours worked</b>	millions	1,651.3	1,661.0	1,664.2	0.2%	0.8%

*pp represents percentage points; totals may not reconcile due to rounding*

